

BISC-MI 2021 Conference

**From Theory to Practice: Focusing on Sexual Abuse, Respect,
and Health in Battering Intervention Programs**

A Hybrid In-Person and Virtual Conference

November 17, 18, 19, 2021

Conference venue: The Kensington Hotel, 3500 State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48108

Conference website: <https://www.biscmi.org/ftpsa21/>

Conference description: Those who commit intimate partner violence use many tactics to control, abuse, punish, discredit, and humiliate their partners. Sexual abuse is frequently perpetrated, yet this form of abuse is not a consistent and comprehensive focus of many battering intervention programs. This conference will present information about how to incorporate relevant education and conversations regarding sexual abuse and violence into BIP services. Participants will have the opportunity to explore in-depth strategies, techniques, concepts, and tools to increase understanding about exploitation, coercion, imposing of sexual values onto others, sexual socialization, ignorance, or lack of understanding and awareness about sexual respect and sexuality, the intersection of identities and sexuality, intimacy, how consent is compromised with power differentials and safety concerns, critical thinking, and sexual literacy. Join BISC-MI as we continue the tradition of providing exciting, relevant, and innovative conferences to advance the field of battering intervention!

Cost: The fee for attending this conference in-person versus virtually is the same because those attending in-person will have meals and snacks or dessert provided at evening networking events, and those attending virtually will be paying for the additional technological fees associated with making this conference possible to attend virtually.

Membership Fee Reduction: There is a reduced fee for in-person or virtual attendees who are BISC-MI members. For more information about membership, go to: <https://www.biscmi.org/about/get-membership/>



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*This program has been intentionally designed to ensure an integrated, comprehensive, dynamic professional development experience. **Full, in-person conference attendance is strongly encouraged.** For those not able to attend all three days (either in-person or virtually), daily virtual livestream registration is available. We regret that we are not able to offer daily in-person registration. **NOTE: In person registration includes breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Virtual registration covers additional tech expenses.***

Three-Day Registration - Before October 1, 2021 (In-person and virtual livestream attendees):	Member Early Bird: \$325.00	Non-Member Early Bird: \$425.00
Three-Day Registration - After October 1, 2021 (In-person and virtual livestream attendees):	Member Late Fee: \$425.00	Non-Member Late Fee: \$525.00
Daily Registration (For virtual livestream attendees only):	Member: \$150.00	Non-Member: \$195.00

Fee for Social Work CEs: \$50.00 for all three days, or \$20.00 per day (daily option for virtual attendees only)



The Office on Violence Against Women has once again approved our request to invite OVW grantees to attend The Battering Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan (BISC-MI) 2021 International Conference to be held November 17-19, 2021.

Grantees from CSSP, Disability, Rural, ICJR, Underserved and State Coalition programs have conditionally approved their grantees to attend this conference. Grantees are required to contact their OVW program specialist to get approval specific to their award before they can commit or expend any funds related to attending this conference.

*The reference number for this conference is **OVW-2021-MU-023**. This number must be used by grantees when requesting approval via a GAN or in their "memo to the file". This approval and assigned reference number is for this **conference only**.*

Early On-Site Registration: Tues. 11/16/21

8:00-9:30pm Registration: At registration area near the Grand Ballroom in Kensington hotel

Day One: Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Time	Title, Description, Faculty	Duration or CEU's
Location of in-person scheduled sessions, meals and gatherings: Grand Ballroom (or West: overflow room)		
8:30 am - 9:30 am	Continental Breakfast Provided and Registration	
9:30 am - 10:00 am	Welcome and Celebration Activity for Meeting In-Person BISC-MI 25 th Conference Anniversary Recognition	
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Plenary 1: Why it is so hard to talk about sex and why it is so important that we do so through a sex positive lens. Faculty: Adrienne Rowland Description: Description: Talking about sex is probably one of the most difficult topics mental health professionals face. Many of us didn't have great models of how to talk about sex growing up and we certainly didn't get the training in our professional careers unless we specifically sought it out. What we have learned, the beliefs we have and the biases that we may or may not recognize have a direct impact on the work we do in the therapeutic setting. This workshop is designed to challenge participants to consider how what they believe about sex shows up in their interactions with group participants and the individual client. This workshop will challenge participants to examine their bias with regards to beliefs about sexuality, sexual preferences and sexual practices and consider how those biases impact the work they do within the context of batterer intervention. Further, this workshop will help dispel myths about sexual taboos, pornography, nonmonogamy and gender roles through a sex positive lens. You will not be asked to change your beliefs, but you will be encouraged to courageously examine lessons you have learned.	90 min.
11:30 am - 11:45 am	Break	
11:45 am - 1:15 pm	Plenary 2: Sex Education 201: Gaining Familiarity with the Unspoken Faculty: Diana Groener Description: Sexual issues are often discussed in negative terms: abuse, addiction, compulsion, etc. This sex positive seminar turns that discussion around and discusses sexuality from an enriching, pleasurable point of view. The modern sexual lexicon will be described, giving attendees both a vocabulary and a framework for understanding sexual behaviors. Desire, fantasy, attraction, sex drive, and use of sexually stimulating material will each be touched on, all while keeping in mind the intersectionality of gender and orientation.	90 min.
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Lunch Buffet Provided	
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Plenary 3: Male Sexual Violence: A New and Transformative Definition Faculty: Greg Loughlin Description: How one defines sexual violence has significant implications for intervention and prevention efforts. Most definitions, while accomplishing their goal within the context they were created, are not suitable for educational settings designed to encourage behavioral change. This workshop will review and critique current definitions of sexual violence and then present Men Stopping Violence's definition of male sexual violence against women and how that definition is applied directly in this program and in the community at large.	90 min.

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Plenary 4: Behind the Cloak of Darkness, the Impact of Pornography Faculty: Myra Strand Description: Contemporary humans live in a sexual paradox silently swimming in the long reach of the impact of porn- hardcore and very violent, male dominated porn. In 2015, the average age a person first viewed these images and/or videos was 11 years old and some sources now say that this number is closer to 8 years. Because of this, porn is becoming a primary form of sex education and it is shifting the very definition of what sex is and how it is done. There are common pornographic themes and scripts that may lead to increased victimization, such as the normalization of strangulation, of BDSM (but without the typical and learned BDSM safety precautions), of revenge porn, or of child rape/torture. Further, much of porn is commonly uploaded onto the web by millions of individual users in addition to production companies. There are no checks and balances for consent or safe production practices. This presentation will examine the influence of pornography on the neurobiology of the developing and already developed brain and it will look at the correlation between porn and victimization. Finally, it will look at possible investigative practices that would integrate this growing influence.	90 min.
Total Number of CEU's for Day One		6 CEU's
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm	Dinner on own	
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm	Networking and Discussion Opportunities Description: Join the evening discussion with faculty and conference attendees and enjoy late night snacks. Theme-based discussion tables will be set up based on the needs and interests of those attending.	

Day Two: Thursday, November 18, 2021

Time	Title, Description, Faculty	Duration or CEU's
Location of in-person scheduled sessions, meals and gatherings: Grand Ballroom (or West: overflow room)		
8:15 am - 9:15 am	Continental Breakfast	
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Welcome and Housekeeping Sarah Rennie Executive Director, Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence	
9:30 am - 10:00 am	A Survivor's Voice Faculty: Lori Stone LLMSW-C	30 min.
10:00 am - 11:30 am	Plenary 5: Sexual Coercion & Abuse in Domestic Violence Faculty: Lisa Aronson Fontes, Ph.D. Description: While coerced, unwanted, and abusive sexual acts are a routine part of intimate partner abuse, most people find this a difficult topic to discuss, even in BIPs. Abusers often feel like they are entitled to "get it" from their partners and may have trouble seeing the coercive methods they may be using on a daily basis. BIP facilitators and other professionals may not be comfortable using sexually explicit language or hearing sexually violent details. Sometimes sexual violence can be obscured by talk of "lifestyles" and "wild sex." We will dive into this somewhat uncomfortable conversation together, so	90 min.

	we can better intervene with abusers who use sexual violence and coercion in a range of ways.	
11:30 pm - 11:45 pm	Break	
11:45 pm - 1:15 pm	Plenary 6: Talking to Killers and Non-Lethal Abusers: What can they tell us about sexual coercion, jealousy and infidelity as key elements of abusive behavior? Faculty: David Adams Description: Belying their minimizing and braggadocio, perpetrators of intimate partner homicides unwittingly provide useful information about the interconnections between sex and violence within the context of an abusive relationship. Their expectations about sex, rushed courtships, jealousy, and infidelity provide retrospective insight when and why sexual coercion unfolds over time and how this contributes to homicide. Based on in-depth interviews of killers as well as victims of attempted homicide, I will describe four phases of the relationship, beginning first with sex, onset of jealousy and infidelity, escalation of sexual coercion, and the weaponization of sex. While the first part of this session will focus on cases of homicide and near-homicide, the second part will focus on sex as a coercive element in non-lethal relationships of abusers engaged in an abuser intervention program. Key elements of this are first and second date sex, rescuing fantasies, the idea of being a “soul mate” and other kinds of magical thinking, infidelity, selfish sex and the evolution of sexual coercion.	90 min.
1:15 pm - 2:15 pm	Lunch Buffet Provided	
2:15 pm - 3:45 pm	Plenary 7: Learning to Abuse: How Pornography and Sex Buying Influence Men's Violence Faculty: Carolyn West and Eli Zucker Description: The normalization of sexualized violence is common in the socialization of men and boys. Where and how are those messages born? In this session, Dr. Carolyn West and Eli Zucker will explore how pornography and the sex trade normalize sexualized violence among boys and men, specifically through messages regarding race and gender. Together, we will unpack how that socialization contributes to behaviors that harm, often toward the most vulnerable and marginalized folks in our communities.	90 min.
3:45 pm - 4:00 pm	Break	
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Plenary 8: Let Me Tell Ya'll 'bout Black Chicks: Violence Against Black Women in Pornography Faculty: Carolyn West Description: The docuseries “Surviving R. Kelly” left viewers asking: “How could a popular singer produce child pornography that featured degrading acts involving Black girls and women?” The reality is that these images are pervasive in the media and culture. This workshop will feature “Let me tell ya'll 'bout Black chicks: Images of Black women in pornography,” a searing documentary that unpacks the historical origins of the images found in contemporary pornography and identifies how these representations promote sexual violence against Black girls.	90 min.
Total Number of CEU's for Day Two		6.5 CEU's
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	25th BISC-MI Anniversary Champagne/Sparkling Cider Celebration & Networking and Discussion Opportunities Description: Join the evening discussion with faculty and conference attendees for a toast and Hors d'oeuvres. Discuss ideas on how to put what you have learned into practice. Network and share ideas and possible strategies.	

Day Three: Friday, November 19, 2021

Time	Title, Description, Faculty	Duration Or CEU's
Location of in-person scheduled sessions, meals and gatherings: Grand Ballroom (or West: overflow room)		
8:15 am - 9:15 am	Continental Breakfast Room check out	
9:15 am - 9:30 am	Welcome and Housekeeping Lore Rogers Staff Attorney, Michigan Domestic & Sexual Violence Prevention & Treatment Board, Division of Victim Services, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services	
9:30 am - 11:00 am	Plenary 9: Unique Traumas of Marital Rape Faculty: Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Amy Ronayne Krause and Judge Michelle Rick Description: Prior to working for the Michigan Court of Appeals, Judge Ronayne Krause was a lawyer for over 33 years. She ran a sex crimes prosecution unit in Washtenaw County and handled the first prosecution of a spouse going to prison after the spousal exception was removed from the criminal sexual conduct statute in Michigan in 1988. She was also a district court judge overseeing domestic violence cases in Ingham County for 7 years. Judge Rick conducted two specialty courts. The one involving trafficked women with substance abuse disorder was trauma informed and responsive. This court is called "Journey Court". This court uses the ACES test to screen participants. The second specialty court was a sanctions-based model entitled "Swift and Sure Sanctions Probation Program" or "Swift and Sure" for short. This session will focus on specific, unique traumas endured by domestic violence survivors who have experienced sexual assault and will cover the court process of domestic and sexual violence cases.	90 min.
11:00 am - 11:15 am	Break	
11:15 am - 12:45 pm	Plenary 10: Assessing for Perpetrating of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence Faculty: Rus Ervin Funk Description: Intimate Partner Sexual Violence (IPSV) is a complex, nuanced and common form of violence within the dynamics of intimate partner violence. Yet, the practice of thoroughly assessing for the perpetration of this form of abuse is not standard practice and meaningfully addressing IPSV is not commonly done. This workshop lays out the five key factors that are necessary for men to perpetrate IPSV and provides some concrete strategies for assessing men with their use of IPSV.	90 min.
12:45 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch Buffet Provided Wrap-up and Raffle	
1:45 pm - 3:15 pm	Plenary 11: Let's talk About Sex Faculty: Diana Groener Description: Surveys show that sexual abuse is rampant within domestic violence interactions, yet many batterer's intervention programs skim over sexual issues in their curriculum. This seminar will discuss various ways to incorporate sexual topics, integrating them into everyday Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP) sessions. Specific sexual modules	90 min.

	that should be included in BIP curriculum will be discussed, including modules on healthy sexual relationships, healthy dating, and pornography use. A decision tree for when referrals for sexual addiction or sexual offending treatment are required will be shared. A brief outline of curriculum for two specialized treatment groups will also be given, one for men with a pattern of intimate partner sexual violence (IPSV) and one for psychopathic/criminally oriented men.				
3:15 pm - 3:30 pm	Break				
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm	Plenary 12: Discussing Respectful Sexual Behavior Faculty: Chris Hall Description: As a follow-up and incorporation of information discussed in the June 2021 BISC-MI / Allies in Change sponsored “Addressing Sexualized Violence and Respectful Sexuality with Those Who Choose to Abuse,” this workshop will review information from that presentation, including discussions of toxic sexuality combinations of frequency and emotional/mental connections, conceptual frameworks for understanding sexual harms beyond rape, and sexually respectful behavior within the categories of inclusiveness, transparency, and support. This presentation will incorporate new sections on how to discuss sexual agency and sexual connections within battering intervention classes.				90 min.
Total Number of CEU’s for Day Three					6 CEU’s
Total Number of CEU Hours:	Day One: 6.0	Day Two: 6.5	Day Three: 6.0	Total - Three Days: 18.5 CEU’s	

Meet The Conference Faculty



David Adams, Ed.D. (Licensed Psychologist)

David Adams is co-founder as well as Program and Co-Director of Emerge, the first counseling program in the world for men who abuse women. David has led groups for abusers for over 44 years and parenting education groups for 20 years. He is an international expert on abusers and abuser interventions and has conducted trainings of social service and criminal justice professionals in over 48 states and 26 nations. He has published numerous articles and book chapters on domestic violence. His book, *Why Do They Kill? Men Who Murder Their Intimate Partners*, was published in 2007. Dr. Adams is Co-Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee of the Massachusetts Council on Domestic Violence, and also served as Director of the National Danger Assessment Training Project. He is a frequent Expert Witness on court cases involving allegations of domestic violence.



Lisa Aronson Fontes, PhD

Lisa Aronson Fontes, PhD, is an internationally known expert on child abuse and gender-based violence. As a researcher, activist, expert witness, and author, she works to protect the most vulnerable. She authored the books: *Invisible Chains: Overcoming Coercive Control in Your Intimate Relationship*, *Interviewing Clients Across Cultures*, and *Child Abuse and Culture* as well as related journal articles. Dr. Fontes is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Massachusetts Amherst, and has worked as a family, individual, and group psychotherapist. She serves as an expert witness on legal cases. She has conducted research in Santiago, Chile, and with diverse people in the United States. Dr. Fontes is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese. She is a popular conference speaker and workshop facilitator, and blogs for publications including PsychologyToday.com and Domesticshelters.org. Dr. Fontes completed a Fulbright Foundation Grant in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Rus Ervin Funk

Rus Ervin Funk, MSW, CSE, is a long-time consultant and activist. He currently focuses on efforts to supporting efforts to “meaningfully support men and boys in ways that advance and promote gender and racial justice.” This work focuses both on supporting male identified people to receive the services and support they deserve; and supporting efforts to effectively engage and mobilize male identified people in responding to and preventing gender-based violence. Rus is the co-author (with Lundy Bancroft) of “Addressing and combatting intimate partner sexual violence” in *Perpetrators of Intimate Partner Sexual Violence: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Prevention, Recognition and Intervention* (2017, Routledge Press).



Diana Groener

Diana Groener, a Licensed Professional Counselor, has worked with violent offenders of various types in outpatient settings since 1997. She has extensive experience working with both domestic violence and sexual violence offenders as well as with criminally-oriented and psychopathic offenders. She developed a treatment program for Intimate Partner Sexual Violence offenders. She is the co-author of *LATTICES: An Integrated Treatment approach for High-Risk Forensic Clients*. She has presented at the state and national level on a variety of topics, such as vicarious trauma, high-risk offender treatment, Internet access for sex offenders, and on multiple topics specific to domestic violence offenders.



Christopher Hall

Christopher Hall is a Doctoral Candidate within the Educational Research Methodologies department of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He has been working in domestic and sexual violence intervention since 1997 and has worked at Emerge and the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence. His specialization is in program evaluation, with research interests in intersectional oppression theory, leveraging privilege, intimate partner violence intervention, and reflective practice. His research interests are in quantifying oppression theory through qualitative interviewing techniques with intimate partner violence perpetrators and use of the transtheoretical model and motivational interviewing in domestic violence intervention. He currently works as a Graduate Research Assistant for the Office of Assessment, Evaluation, and Research Services within the UNCG School of Education.



Michigan Court of Appeals Judge Amy Ronayne Krause

Judge Amy Ronayne Krause was appointed to the Court of Appeals in November of 2010. Previously, she served as a judge on the 54A District Court in Lansing for nearly eight years, at which time she initiated a domestic violence treatment court with great success at reducing repeat offenders and changing behavior of domestic violence offenders. Judge Ronayne Krause received her Bachelor of Arts from the University of Michigan and her Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame Law School. She began her legal career as a litigation attorney for a private law firm and then served eight years as an assistant prosecuting attorney, including 4 years supervising a sex crimes prosecution unit. In 1997, she was appointed an Assistant Attorney General by then Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and was the first recipient of the Frank J. Kelley Award for Excellence in Trial Advocacy.

Judge Ronayne Krause worked for the Attorney General's office for more than six years. Prior to taking the bench, Judge Ronayne Krause was elected to serve on the Ingham County Board of Commissioners, during which time she chaired the Law and Courts committee. She was an adjunct professor for the Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School and has lectured for the Prosecuting Attorney Association of Michigan (PAAM) and the Criminal Defense Attorneys Association of Michigan (CDAM). She has also taught for the Michigan Judicial Institute, including teaching other district judges at the New Judges Seminar. She has also served as faculty for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, training other judges on a national level regarding best practices in handling domestic violence cases. Judge Ronayne Krause is also a member and Chairperson of the Michigan Domestic and Sexual Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, as well as being the chairperson of a statewide effort to effectively investigate sexual assault cases for the State of Michigan. She volunteers to judge mock trial competitions, moot court competitions and to guest lecture for law schools, including the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Western Michigan University Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She is a member of the Appellate Practice, Criminal Law, Family Law and Negligence Law sections of the State Bar. She is also a member of the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan and the National Women Judges Association.

In September 2007, Judge Ronayne Krause was recognized statewide for her outstanding work in domestic violence prevention and community service with the State Bar of Michigan's Champion of Justice Award. In 2012, she was also awarded the Distinguished Barrister Award from the Davis-Dunnings Bar Association and in 2010, the Community Service Award from the Greater Lansing Area Chapter of the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. (GLAC-NANBPW). She has previously served her community as a board member with the Lansing Educational Advancement Foundation (LEAF) and the Uplift Our Youth Foundation. Currently, she serves on the American Red Cross Bio-Tech Sub-Committee for the Mid-Michigan Chapter and the Williamston Theatre Board of Directors. She was appointed in 2011 by the Speaker of the House and the Senate Majority Leader to the State Drug Treatment Court Advisory Committee and in 2013 became chair of the committee and continues in that position presently. Judge Ronayne Krause is married to Kurt E. Krause and they currently care for 3 rescue dogs.



Greg Loughlin

Director of Community Engagement, Men Stopping Violence. Greg Loughlin is a facilitator and trainer with 20 years' experience engaging men to prevent violence against women. Among other duties, Greg directs Men Stopping Violence's marketing and fundraising campaigns, and he works directly with men who have used abusive and controlling behaviors towards women as a state certified Family Violence Intervention Program instructor. Prior to joining MSV's staff, Greg served as Executive Director of the Georgia Commission on Family Violence (GCFV), a state agency charged with coordinating legislation, local domestic violence Task Forces, and Family Violence Intervention Programs across Georgia. Greg is an accomplished public speaker and writer. He has presented for the Faith Trust Institute, Emory University, the Nursing Network on Violence Against Women International, the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, the National District Attorneys Association, and the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, among others. In addition, Greg has provided media commentary to the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, NBC.com, WSB-TV, Peachtree TV, WABE, WREK and WRFG, and his writing has been published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, the Atlanta Voice, and Voice Male Magazine. Greg has an MSSW from the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, and a BA from Guilford College. For more info, contact Greg at: greg@menstoppingviolence.org.



Judge Michelle Rick

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Adrienne Rowland

Adrienne Rowland (she/her/hers) is a licensed Master Social Worker and certified sex therapist through the American Academy of Sexuality Educators, Counselors and Therapists (AASECT). Adrienne has been working in the field of social work since 2004 and more recently as a sex therapist, since 2018. Adrienne is also pursuing her doctorate degree in clinical sexology through Modern Sex Therapy Institutes.



Adrienne started her social work career as a facilitator for batterer intervention programs and eventually became the Clinical Director of Catholic Charities where she continued to oversee and provide services for both the batterer intervention program and sex offender treatment program as a certified sex offender treatment specialist. In 2015, Adrienne made the switch to private practice and has been providing sexual health therapy to a variety of clients. Adrienne particularly enjoys working with clients within the LGBTQ+ community, clients struggling with out of control sexual behavior and with couples experiencing sexual issues in their relationship. Adrienne's doctoral dissertation project is developing a curriculum for medical professionals with regards to providing affirming care to transgender and gender nonconforming patients.

Adrienne is passionate about teaching and enjoys presenting and providing supervision and consultation for mental health professionals about sexual health issues. She provides a nonjudgmental and positive environment for others to learn and explore.



Lori Stone LLMSW-C

Lori is a Mother to 6 children, Mimi to 4 grandchildren, Psychotherapist, and survivor of domestic violence and sexual assault. Lori is co-founder of the Survivors Giving Circle (SGC), former Allstate and National Network to End Domestic Violence Speaker Bureau Member, former MCEDSV Board Member, Allstate Foundation Purple Purse Speaker, and a business owner. Previous speaking engagements include numerous DV survivor panels in Washington DC, Michigan, Illinois, New York, and California. Lori is an avid advocate of Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) on a state and national level and was a guest speaker of the United States Congress in 2005. Lori was honored by President Obama during the first Domestic Violence Proclamation event and signing in honor of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, 2010. Lori has participated in numerous interviews with various magazines and was interviewed on Good Morning America. Lori continues her work to empower women and children who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault through her work as a psychotherapist.



Myra Strand, MA, CA

Myra Strand, MA, CA, is the owner of Strand² Squared Solutions LLC where she provides training and education, both in person and through the Strand School House. She also provides consultation and agency support services. Myra is certified as a Comprehensive Victim Intervention Specialist: Advanced. Last year, Myra provided training and education to thousands of professionals in the areas of trauma responsive and healing inspired services, technology and its relationship to victimization, implicit bias and applied intersectionality, and professional wellness/organizational trauma. These trainings were delivered both in person, virtually and through the Strand School House. The Strand School House provides drop-in and on-demand training opportunities to include an advocate certification program, a leadership training and many other training opportunities. Myra Strand built and implemented the schoolhouse herself. Myra also provides consultation in the area of case review, agency assessment and management, implementing trauma responsive/healing inspired services, organizational trauma and professional wellness, and applied intersectionality. She has experience working with law enforcement, advocates, SANEs and SAFES, military, schools, private business, corporation, outdoor enthusiasts, and athletic programs. Myra began working with people who have trauma in 1995. She has experience with youth with complex trauma and serious mental illness, people with developmental disabilities, youth in competing war zones, offenders, in the area of death notification, with victims fleeing DV and engaging with family court, and with victims of all crime types. Myra has had success in improving the systems response to victims of high stress and trauma in her eight years as a lead team member in the local Coordinated Response Team and the Sexual Assault Response Team. She co-founded the Coconino County Domestic Violence fatality review board, which later became the state model. She assisted in the process that led to DV risk assessments being used by local law enforcement and by the hospital, she assisted in establishing DV strangulation forensic exams in Northern Arizona. For over a decade, Myra was faculty member at Northern Arizona University, and more recently, Coconino Community College where she taught issues of violence, ethnic and gender studies, sex and dating and applied intersectionality. She has also taught social justice classes in the Coconino County Detention Center working with men on issues of violence and healing. She is very proud to be an Ethnic studies professor in Arizona. Myra is nationally recognized for her contribution to field of the complicated and often traumatic human services. Her goal is to deliver and apply holistic, compassionate, multi-faceted human-centric, trauma informed and healing inspired response and care to victims, witnesses and survivors of crime, crisis and other traumatizing or high stress experiences through education, systems change and reform. Myra Lives in Cornwall, New York with her husband, Russell Strand, youngest son and dog Yeti.



Carolyn M. West, Ph.D.

Dr. West is professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Washington Tacoma where she teaches courses on the Sex Crimes and Sexual Violence and Family Violence. She conducts research on women who use force in the context of their intimate partner violence victimization. Dr. West has authored more than 80 publications and is editor/contributor of the award-winning book *Violence in the Lives of Black Women: Battered, Black, and Blue*. She also has written extensively on racism in sexualized media and in 2018 she produced the documentary “Let Me Tell Ya’ll ‘Bout Black Chicks: Images of Black Women in Pornography.” Dr. West trains, consults, and speaks to national and international audiences. Dr. West has worked as an expert witness in domestic violence/sexual assault cases, delivered keynote addresses, conducted workshops, and created innovative training materials to educate and equip professionals with the skills to provide culturally-sensitive services to survivors of color.



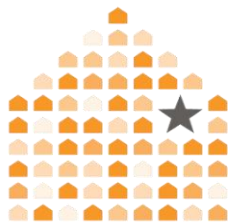
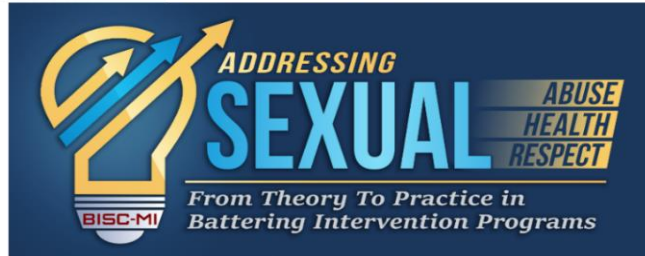
Eli Zucker

Eli Zucker came to Seattle by way of Michigan, where he had extensive experience as a community organizer in Detroit and metro-Detroit, as well as an administrator in higher education at the University of Michigan. For the past many years, Eli was immersed in efforts to uplift sustainable dialogue across difference, paying special attention to creating dialogues and trainings around race and gender. Using art, food, text, and physical space creatively, Eli built communal platforms for folks to engage in meaningful conversations with ideas and perspectives that they were uncomfortable or not familiar with. Now adjunct faculty at the University of Washington and the Director of Men's Accountability with Seattle Against Slavery, Eli leans on his expansive knowledge of group facilitation to lead the Stopping Sexual Exploitation (SSE) program, which is a groundbreaking 10-week intervention that educates sex buyers on the harms of the sex trade and build healthier, more fulfilling relationships in their lives. Eli holds a Master's in Social Work from the University of Michigan.

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